

§ 721.30 EPA approval of alternative control measures.

(a) In certain sections of subpart E of this part, significant new uses for the identified substances are described as the failure to establish and implement programs providing for the use of either: specific measures to control worker exposure to or release of substances which are identified in such sections, or alternative measures to control worker exposure or environmental release which EPA has determined provide substantially the same degree of protection as the specified control measures. Persons who manufacture, import, or process a chemical substance identified in such sections and who intend to employ alternative measures to control worker exposure or environmental release must submit a request to EPA for a determination of equivalency before commencing manufacture, import, or processing involving the alternative control measures.

(b) A request for a determination of equivalency must be submitted in writing to the Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room G-099, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC., 20460; ATTN: SNUR Equivalency Determination, and must contain:

- (1) The name of the submitter.
- (2) The specific chemical identity of the substance.
- (3) The citation for the specific section in subpart E of this part which pertains to the substance for which the request is being submitted.
- (4) A detailed description of the activities involved.
- (5) The specifications of the alternative worker exposure control measures or environmental release control measures.
- (6) An analysis justifying why such alternative control measures provide substantially the same degree of protection as the specific control measures identified in the specific section in subpart E of this part which pertains to the substance for which the request is being submitted.
- (7) The data and information described in § 720.50 (a) and (b) of this chapter unless such data and informa-

tion have already been submitted to the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, EPA.

(c) Requests for determinations of equivalency will be reviewed by EPA within 45 days. Determinations under this paragraph will be made by the Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, or designee. Notice of the results of such determinations will be mailed to the submitter.

(d) If EPA notifies the submitter under paragraph (c) of this section that EPA has determined that the alternative control measures provide substantially the same degree of protection as the specified control measures identified in the specified section of subpart E of this part which pertains to the substance for which the request is being submitted, the submitter may commence manufacture, import, or processing in accordance with the specifications for alternative worker exposure control measures or environmental release control measures identified in the submitter's request, and may alter any corresponding notification to workers to reflect such alternative controls. Deviations from the activities described in the EPA notification constitute a significant new use and are subject to the requirements of this part.

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§ 721.35 Compliance and enforcement.

(a) Failure to comply with any provision of this part is a violation of section 15(1) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 2614).

(b) Using for commercial purposes a chemical substance which a person knew or had reason to know was manufactured, imported, or processed in violation of this part is a violation of section 15(2) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 2614).

(c) Failure or refusal to permit access to or copying of records, as required by section 11 of the Act, is a violation of section 15(3) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 2614).

(d) Failure or refusal to permit entry or inspection, as required by section 11 of the Act, is a violation of section 15(4) of the Act.

(e) Violators of the Act or of this part may be subject to the civil and criminal penalties in section 16 of the

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Act (15 U.S.C. 2615) for each violation. The submission of false or misleading information in connection with the requirement of any provision of this part may subject persons to penalties calculated as if they never filed a notice.

(f) Under the authority of sections 7 and 17 of the Act, EPA may:

(1) Seek to enjoin the manufacture, import, or processing of a chemical substance in violation of this part.

(2) Act to seize any chemical substance which is being manufactured, imported, or processed in violation of this part.

(3) Take any other appropriate action.

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§ 721.40 Recordkeeping.

Any person subject to the requirements of this part must retain documentation of information contained in that person's significant new use notice. This documentation must be maintained for a period of 5 years from the date of the submission of the significant new use notice.

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§ 721.45 Exemptions.

The persons identified in § 721.5 are not subject to the notification requirements of § 721.25 for a chemical substance identified in subpart E of this part, unless otherwise specified in a specific section in subpart E, if:

(a) The person has applied for and has been granted an exemption for test marketing the substance for a significant new use identified in subpart E of this part in accordance with section 5(h)(1) of the Act and § 720.38 of this chapter.

(b) The person manufactures, imports, or processes the substance for a significant new use identified in subpart E of this part in small quantities solely for research and development in accordance with § 721.47.

(c) The person has applied for and been granted an exemption under section 5(h)(5) of the Act.

(d) The person manufactures, imports, or processes the substance only as an impurity.

(e) The person manufactures, imports, or processes the substance only as a byproduct which is used only by public or private organizations that (1) burn it as a fuel, (2) dispose of it as a waste, including in a landfill or for enriching soil, or (3) extract component chemical substances from it for commercial purposes.

(f) The person imports or processes the substance as part of an article.

(g) The person manufactures or processes the substance solely for export and, when distributing the substance in commerce, labels the substance in accordance with section 12(a)(1)(B) of the Act.

(h) The person submits a significant new use notice for the substance prior to the promulgation date of the section in subpart E of this part which identifies the substance, and the person receives written notification of compliance from EPA prior to the effective date of such section. The notice submitter must comply with any applicable requirement of section 5(b) of the Act. The notice must include the information and test data specified in section 5(d)(1) of the Act and must be submitted on the notice form in Appendix A to part 720 of this chapter. For purposes of this exemption, the specific section in subpart E of this part which identifies the substance and §§ 721.1, 721.3, 721.11, 721.35, and 721.40 apply; after the effective date of the section in subpart E of this part which identifies the substance, § 721.5 applies and § 721.20 continues to apply. EPA will provide the notice submitter with written notification of compliance only if one of the following occurs:

(1) EPA is unable to make the finding that the activities described in the significant new use notice will or may present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment under reasonably foreseeable circumstances.

(2) EPA and the person negotiate a consent order under section 5(e) of the Act, such order to take effect on the effective date of the section in subpart E of this part which identifies the substance.

(i) The person is operating under the terms of a consent order issued under section 5(e) of the Act applicable to